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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1930

DATE PREPARED: Mar 7, 2001

BILL AMENDED: Mar 6, 2001

SUBJECT: Academic Programs in State Institutions.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill has the following provisions:

(A) It requires educational programs in Department of Correction facilities, the Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home, state development centers, state mental health institutions, the Indiana School for the Deaf, and the Indiana School for the Blind to be: (1) consistent with the state's academic standards; (2) offered in a manner that allows a student who successfully completes the state's requirements for high school graduation to receive a diploma; and (3) provided by licensed teachers.

(B) It provides for contracting with a public or private entity to provide educational services under an academic and vocational education program.

(C) It requires the Commission for Higher Education to ensure that a state educational institution that provides academic or vocational education programs to students in kindergarten through grade 12 provides the program consistent with the state's academic standards.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *Provision A:* The Department of Correction indicates that to comply with the change in academic standards, it may need to hire a curriculum consultant and more teachers in some juvenile facilities.

The Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home would not experience any increase in administrative expenses to meet the academic requirements of this bill. The Home is currently required to be accredited by the State in accordance with current law, so all education programs (including vocational education) leading to a high school diploma are currently to be conducted in accordance with Indiana Academic Standards.

All of the agencies that administer these facilities and institutions employ licensed teachers.

Provision B: The Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home, the Indiana School for the Blind, and the

Indiana School for the Deaf currently do not contract with private entities for educational services.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Correction, Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Childrens' Home, Indiana School for the Deaf, and Indiana School for the Blind, state-owned and -operated developmental centers and mental health institutions that house children of school age.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Department of Correction, Planning Division; Robert Marra, Department of Education; State Budget Agency.